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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings, Fellow Members,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for giving me the privilege to serve as President of the West Virginia Library Association. I appreciate the confidence that you have expressed in me, and I accept this responsibility with devotion and humility.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome to the Association the two new sections which were officially formed at the last annual conference - the Special Libraries Section and the Trustees Section. I am sure these new sections will serve to strengthen the Association and librarianship in West Virginia.

If librarianship is to meet the many needs of this State, a strong professional organization is essential and will need support by all persons interested in libraries. I am asking each of you for your generous support throughout the entire year.

The first meeting of the Executive Board for this year was held in Parkersburg on December 2, 1961. Reports from Board members and committee chairmen were received. The Board approved the budget for the year and also approved a list of committees. Many of you will be called upon soon to serve the Association by working on committees. I am sure you will accept these responsibilities when asked to do so.

Best wishes for a prosperous and successful New Year.

John E. Scott, President
West Virginia Library Association

Conference Report

WVLA Conference 1961

The 46th annual conference of the West Virginia Library Association, held in Charleston October 13-14, had as its theme: "Libraries in the Sixties; West Virginia Goals for Action."

At the Conference business session Friday morning, the following action was taken:

1. WVLA adopted the 1961 ALA amendment to the Library Bill of Rights, which adds a new paragraph: "The rights of an individual to the use of a library should not be denied or abridged because of his race, religion, national origins, or political views."

2. Resolutions and awards. Resolution was adopted commending State School Superintendent Rex Smith for recommending the establishment of the position of State School Library Supervisor. Resolution was adopted commending those active in the formulation and enactment of Senate Bill 99, amending the Public Library Law of West Virginia. Honorary membership in the Association was extended to Miss Ora Peters, retired librarian of Concord College, for the outstanding work which she had done over a long period of time in the State, particularly in the training of teacher librarians.

3. Election of officers.

4. Petition received requesting Sectional status for Trustees, and such status voted.

In the business session Saturday afternoon Sectional status for the Special Libraries group was voted.

At the first general session, 14 proposed goals for action were presented and were officially adopted by the Convention body.

Mrs. Grace Stevenson, Deputy Director of the American Library Association, talked of "National Goals for Libraries" at the Friday luncheon. This was followed by buzz sessions, with participants suggesting ways to attain each goal.

Jim Comstock, Editor of The West Virginia Hillbilly, was the banquet speaker. Mr. Comstock recalled many literary figures in West Virginia, by giving clues until the audience could guess the identy of the person described. Among the persons mentioned were: Frank L. Stockton, Melville Davisson Post, Leo Brady, Hubert Skidmore, Margaret Prescott Montague, Holmes Alexander, Ida L. Reed, Mary Lee Settle, John Caruso, William Robinson

Leigh, Mrs. Alex McVeigh Miller, Rebecca Harding Davis, Lyman Copeland Draper, Roger Price, Ambrose Bierce, Joseph Hergesheimer, Davis Grubb, Hobert Skidmore, Louise McNeil Pease, John Peale Bishop, Jacqueline Reed, Julia Davis, and John Henry.

Sectional meetings were held Saturday morning, with election of new sectional officers, and with varied programs:

The College Section had an address by Richard Gardner, Librarian, Marietta College (Ohio), regarding "Constructing a college library in the 60's", and a panel discussion on "Buying for the Academic Library in the 60's." This Section voted to change its official title to: "College and University Libraries Section."

"Public Libraries use national library week to implement goals" was the subject of a panel discussion in the Public Libraries Sectional meeting.

The School Libraries Section discussed ways of attaining their goal of a State School Library Supervisor.

The Special Libraries Section toured the libraries at Union Carbide's Technical Center.

The Trustees Section discussed "West Virginia public library law relating to trustees, and, Goals for the Section."

Miss Mildred Stibitz, Public Relations Director of the Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library (Ohio), used as her Saturday luncheon topic "Public Relations and Attaining the Goals."

The final general session included reports from the Friday buzz sessions, and comments by Mrs. Stevenson, regarding "Steps toward the Goals."

Mr. Robert McClarren, President, summarized the Association's year, noting these accomplishments: Amendment to the Public Library Law, Assistance in securing increase in Library Commission budget, Selection and definition of goals, Receipt of grant for school libraries project, Increased membership, Increased member participation, Formation of two new sections.

Mr. John Scott, incoming President, declared that 1960/61 had been a good year for the Association, and that the implementation of the goals would be the chief work for the following year.

West Virginia Library Association Officers and Sectional Chairman for the year 1961/62:

President: John E. Scott, Librarian, West Virginia State College Library, Institute
First Vice-President (President-Elect): Miss Jane Brugger, Chief of Technical Processing, Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston

Second Vice-President: Floyd Miller, Chief Reference Librarian, West Virginia University Library, Morgantown
Secretary: Miss Idair Smookler, Librarian, Research Department Library, Union Carbide Technical Center, South Charleston
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Public Libraries Section: Mrs. Lucile McNary, Librarian, Alpha and Harrison-Upshur-Lewis Regional Libraries, Sutton
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Special Libraries Section: Miss Idair Smookler, Librarian, Research Department Library, Union Carbide Technical Center, South Charleston
Trustees Section: Perry E. O'Brien, Alpha Regional Library Board, Ripley

In Memoriam

ROY BIRD COOK
1886-1961

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, Roy Bird Cook died in Charleston.

Dr. Cook was a man of many and great talents. He was a pharmacist, historian, scholar, author, speaker, friend of West Virginia's libraries and librarians, a member and vice president of the Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library and above all a kind and good man.

Dr. Cook had a long and distinguished career in the affairs of his profession, both at the state and national levels. He served as president of the West Virginia and the American Pharmaceutical Associations.

He received the Beal Award and the American Druggists award in 1938 as "Outstanding Pharmacist in West Virginia." The Remington Medal, pharmacy's most distinguished award, was given to Dr. Cook in 1955 in recognition of his services to American Pharmacy. In 1957, a distinguished achievement award was presented to Dr. Cook by the West Virginia Library Association for "his services to the state and to the world of books, as an author, friend of authors, scholar and collector."

As an author, Dr. Cook earned a national reputation in the field of history and biography. His works are to be found in libraries throughout the world. In 1924, Dr. Cook published the first definitive study of Stonewall Jackson's

formative years - "The Family and Early Life of Stonewall Jackson." A later edition appeared in 1948. The documents on which these books were based have become a unique body of source material consulted by all serious biographers of Jackson in recent years.

Other labors of love, to mention only a few, include: "Lewis County in the Civil War," "Annals of Fort Lee," "Annals of Pharmacy in West Virginia," "Washington's Western Lands," plus a countless number of brochures, treatises and pamphlets on historical and professional subjects.

> "Roy Bird Cook was a little bit of everything, and he was all of them well, unassumingly, with a quiet, personal distinction.
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> He made his living at pharmacy, a profession which he honored, but that was only a beginning. He was also a lifelong scholar, historian, lecturer, a man filled with lore and reminiscence. And beyond that he was a public servant (always unpaid) who gave tirelessly of his time and enthusiasm for good works--to the old Historic Markers Commission, to Charleston's Parks and Playgrounds Commission, to Kanawha County's Public Library.
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> But most of all Dr. Cook was a West Virginian. He had traveled its every valley and viewed it from every mountain top, and everywhere he looked he filled the landscape with the bustling account of the people who had lived there and written its history. He knew everyone (or so it seemed), where he had come from and what had become of him, even unto the fourth and fifth generations.
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> It was an old trick of his friends to lure him into conversation and then settle back to listen while he rambled over the hills, recalling with startling precision and detail the whole colorful chronicle. Dr. Cook could look at his state unblinkingly and love it all the more. Others might doubt or worry, but Dr. Cook never. Nothing serious could happen to a state which had so many fine people in it.
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> Now that he is gone those of us who knew him can say in grateful memory what we never could have said to

his face: Roy Bird Cook was one of the finest, a credit to his state, an example of its best tradition, an ornament to its society." (Charleston, West Virginia Daily Mail, November 24, 1961).

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DR. COOK'S COLLECTION GOES TO WVU

The West Virginia University Library has acquired the great book and manuscript collection of the late Roy Bird Cook. The collection, which includes some 600 volumes and over 1000 manuscripts, is known to scholars throughout the nation. Dr. Cook assembled by far the best library in existence on Stonewall Jackson, his family and his career. The collection is also extremely rich in Civil War items and in West Virginia history. The University's acquisition of the collection was arranged several years ago in an agreement between Dr. Cook, the Library and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation. At that time, the Benedum Foundation provided an endowment to help the Library maintain and add to the collection. According to the agreement, Dr. Cook retained possession of the collection until his death, which took place on November 23. The collection will be moved to the University Library early next year.

SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

A Cabell County Student Librarians' Association has been organized. Representatives from twelve junior and senior high schools met early in December at Enslow Junior High. Aims and activities were discussed and the group became acquainted.

On January 16th this same group will meet to elect officers, and make plans for a state-wide organization.

The third meeting will be February 20th. We hope other county groups will have been started by this time and will send representatives to the Huntington meeting.

A Student Librarians' Association is a major step in recruiting. Start your local group soon. Send information about your organization to:

Miss Henrietta Greaver
Enslow Junior High School
26 Street & Collis Avenue
Huntington 2, W. Va.

Tentative plans call for a state-wide meeting early in the school year, 1962-63.

The Coal City Elementary Parent-Teacher Association held a buffet dinner December 1, to raise funds for the school library.

Parkersburg High School observed National Book Week by reviewing books for the various English classes. Reviewing books during book week has been one of the major projects of Entre Nous Honorary Book Club for many years.

A magazine and periodical room has been added to the library at Nitro High School.

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WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES

Offers & Wants

The Huntington Public Library has a number of duplicate copies of various scattered issues of West Virginia Libraries; 1947 to date, and would be glad to give them to any library or anyone in the state who wanted them. At the same time we are missing a copy of Vol. 12, no. 3 (Sept., 1959) and would like to have this number if someone has a duplicate.

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY COMMISSION
BUDGET REQUEST 1962-63

Statement by

Earl E. Rich, Chairman

THE FOLLOWING FACTORS ARE INVOLVED IN THE 1962-63 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY COMMISSION:

1. Maximum work load which the Library Commission believes it can carry with present staff:

   a. Advice and counsel to all public libraries, both rural and urban;
   b. Assistance in establishment of regional libraries;
   c. Purchase and preparation of books for regional libraries, for the Library Commission's headquarters collection and for rotating collections for public libraries in small communities which have not yet been coordinated into a regional library program;
   d. General reference and reading service to State government;
   e. In-service training for librarians and library boards through statewide workshops.

2. State appropriation needed in combination with Federal funds to carry out the second year of the Commission's five year projected plan for regional library development (1962-66).

INCREASES IN STATE ITEMS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. The increase in Personal Services (State, $2,490) is for merit increases for positions no. 1 - 16.

2. The increase in Current Expenses (State, $31,000) is to shift basic Current Expense items such as rent and utilities from Federal to State, in order to further stabilize the Commission's program, and to free Federal funds, now being used for Current Expenses, for rural library expansion as intended by the Federal legislation.

3. Loss of population resulted in a decrease of $15,507 in the annual Federal allotment from $167,674 to $152,796; therefore, more State funds are needed to attain the combined State and Federal budget requirements.

4. The overall request for 1962-63, including both State and Federal funds, $381,686, represents a net increase of only $18,028 over the 1961-62 request. Program requirements are short in the amount of $68,862 requested for the 1961-62 fiscal year for books and bookmobiles. This amount, $68,862, plus the $18,028 explained above equal the total increase requested in State funds.

NEW FEATURES OF THE REQUEST ARE:

1. Two scholarships for training at accredited library schools. Recipients of scholarships will be expected to return to West Virginia public library systems for at least two years. At present, public library programs are administered by qualified librarians in only 16 counties. Use of Federal funds for scholarships has been in effect in several other states for two or three years, and seems to be a partial answer to recruitment problems.

2. Approximately $16,000 is requested for personnel emergencies in regional library programs. Since regional programs must necessarily be anticipated within certain geographical boundaries, and since the property reappraisal program is in different stages in the various counties, there is sometimes need for assistance in holding a region together until local tax situations can be stabilized.

WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nov. 22, 1960 - Nov. 14, 1961

Balance on hand Nov. 22, 1960	$1551.36
13 deposits	2575.06
	$4126.42
Less $3.00 deposited, returned and redeposited	3.00
	$4123.42

25 exhibitors fees (5 from last convention)
12 subscriptions to West Virginia Libraries
1 West Virginia Authors
$3.72 left over from Cedar Lakes Retreat

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative group (auditing & membership)	$ 38.58
A. L. A. Councilor	100.00
College Library Section	21.60
Conference Committee	46.52
Convention	1086.51
Executive Board	82.07
Legislation Committee	149.70
Middle Atlantic Regional Conference	30.00
National Library Week	136.84
Nomination Committee	3.00
President's account	55.41
Program & projects committee	169.50
Public Library section	14.35
School libraries section	105.55
Supplies	28.90
West Virginia Libraries	329.10
	$2397.63

Balance on hand Nov. 14, 1961 $1718.89

LOCATION OF FUNDS

First National Bank, Morgantown, West Virginia

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Charleston Federal Savings & Loan Association - Bk. no. 3147 $ 63.39

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